




Rincon Mountain District (East)

Interpretive Program Schedule

December 10 – December 16, 2007



Monday, December 10	Time and Location	Program Description
Weather Watch NPS <i>20 minute Garden Walk</i> 	10:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Join a park ranger to learn how weather affects our national parks.
Strange Plants <i>20 minute garden walk</i> 	2:00 p.m. Meet at the visitor center	Survival in the desert is impossible for some and easy for others. The difference lies in the adaptation used for survival. Join a park ranger for a stroll in the Cactus Garden and learn how desert plants thrive.
Tuesday, December 11	Time and Location	Program Description
Desert Bird Walk <i>2 hour, 1 mile guided walk</i>	8:30 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Bring your binoculars and favorite field guide as we search for birds in the Sonoran Desert.
Desert Morning Hike <i>3 hour, 4 mile guided hike</i>	9:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Join a park naturalist on an exploration hike into Saguaro National Park. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.
Desert Adaptations <i>30 minute garden walk</i> 	10:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	This easy stroll through the cactus garden looks at several common desert plants and how they adapt to life in the desert.
Star Party <i>2 hour slide program and sky watching</i> 	7:00 p.m. Meet at the visitor center	Join a park naturalist for an introduction to astronomy and a look at the desert night sky. Telescopes and binoculars will be provided. Dress for the weather.
Wednesday, December 12	Time and Location	Program Description
Desert Morning Hike <i>3 hour, 4 mile guided hike</i>	9:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Join a park naturalist on an exploration hike into Saguaro National Park. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.
Home Sweet Hole <i>2 hour, 1 mile guided hike</i>	1:00 p.m. Meet at the visitor center	Join park naturalists on an expedition to locate and identify various desert homes found in Saguaro National Park. Dress for the weather, wear comfortable hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.
Thursday, December 13	Time and Location	Program Description
Prehistoric People in the Sonoran Desert <i>Patio Talk</i> 	10:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	Stop by the display table on the patio for an exploration into the prehistory of this area. Learn who lived here over 1000 years ago and what they used for food, clothing and shelter.

Friday, December 14	Time and Location	Program Description
Desert Adaptations <i>30 minute Garden Walk</i> 	11:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	This easy stroll through the cactus garden looks at several common desert plants and how they adapt to life in the desert.
Saturday, December 15	Time and Location	Program Description
To Conserve the Scenery <i>2 hour, 1 mile guided walk</i>	10:00 a.m. Meet at the visitor center	National Parks are set aside for the enjoyment of current and future generations. However, our parks and the resource in them are being threatened by outside forces. Join a park ranger for a one mile walk and discover what’s being done to “Save the Scenery”.
75 Years at Saguaro National Park: An Illustrated History <i>45 minute presentation</i>	3:00 p.m. Meet at the visitor center	Join a park ranger in the visitor center auditorium for a trip down memory lane as Saguaro National Park prepares to celebrate its 75 th anniversary. This presentation, which includes many historic photos, takes a look at the events that helped shape Saguaro National Park.
Sunday, December 16	Time and Location	Program Description
1933 to Today: Saguaro National Park <i>2 hour., 1 mile walk</i>	10:00 a.m. Meet at visitor center	Join Park Ranger Arlo Ogden for a walk back in time to learn how and why we now have a national park here.
Strange Plants <i>20 minute garden walk</i> 	2:00 p.m. Meet at the visitor center	Survival in the desert is impossible for some and easy for others. The difference lies in the adaptation used for survival. Join a park ranger for a stroll in the Cactus Garden and learn how desert plants thrive.

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Visitor Center Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily
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